

**Consideration for preliminary adoption of amendments to 312 IAC 9 governing deer hunting, commercial deer processing, and wild turkey hunting; Administrative Cause No. 11-207D**

Currently, rule language in 312 IAC 9-3-2 allows a deer hunter to take no more than one antlered deer during all of the regular deer seasons combined (archery, muzzleloader, and firearm), with the exception of the urban deer zones during the urban deer season and antlered deer taken on military areas and national wildlife refuges with a military/refuge license. This provision expires on September 1, 2012. In an effort to evaluate the opinions of deer hunters about this rule, the Division of Fish and Wildlife contracted with Responsive Management to do a survey and perform an analysis of the data. A summary of the survey methodology, findings related to management of the Indiana deer herd, and the one buck rule are summarized below.

*From the survey completed by Responsive Management in 2011:*

This deer hunter survey was conducted for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to determine deer hunters' participation in deer hunting seasons, their harvest of deer, and their opinions on deer management. The study entailed a telephone survey of Indiana hunting license holders valid for deer in 2010.

For the survey, a multi-modal approach was used that included questionnaires administered by telephone, mail and Internet. The primary contact method was by telephone, supplemented by a mailed postcard with the website address for taking the survey online and emails with a link to the website address for taking the survey online. Additionally, interviewers made follow-up telephone calls to assist people in completing the survey online. The survey questionnaire was developed cooperatively by Responsive Management and the DNR. The sample of Indiana deer hunters was obtained from the DNR. The sample was representative of all hunters with a license that allowed for deer hunting privileges.

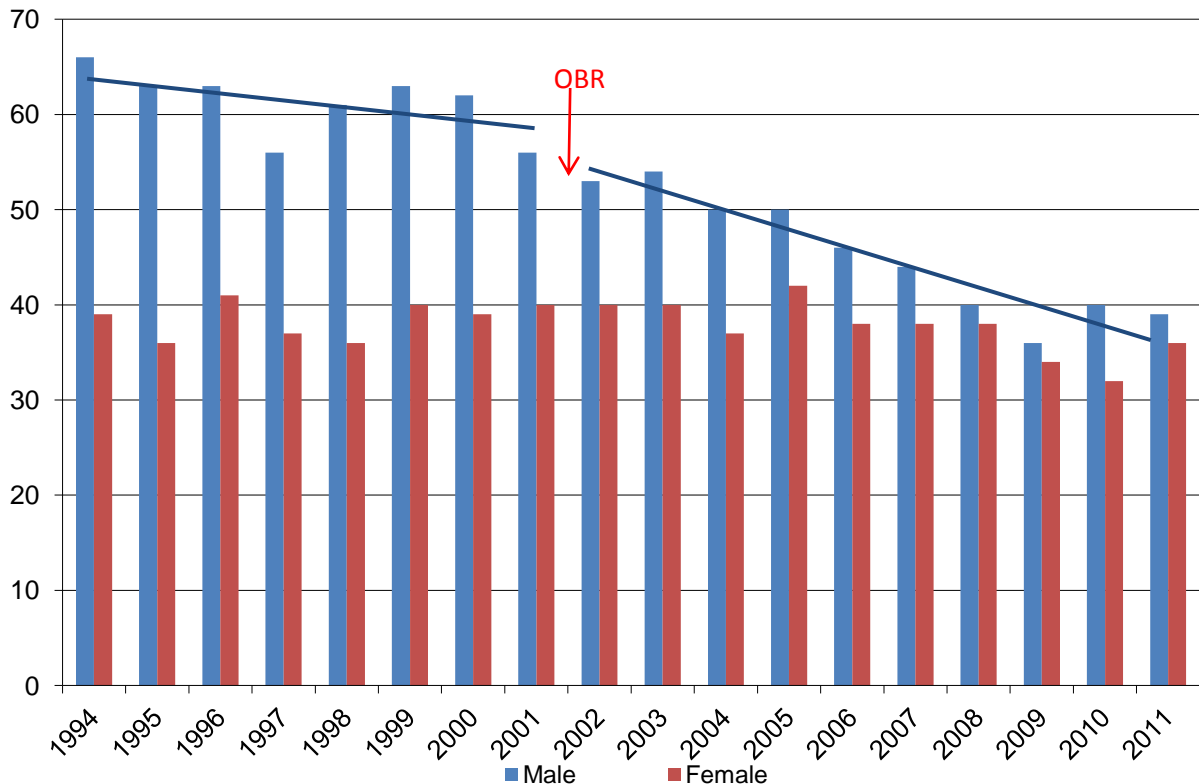
For the telephone survey portion of the project, telephone surveying times are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday from noon to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., local time. The Internet mode of the survey could be completed at the respondent's convenience. The survey was conducted in October 2011. The software used for telephone survey data collection was Questionnaire Programming Language. The data obtained via the Internet was imported from the Internet server directly into Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) using standard interfacing software. Responsive Management obtained a total of 8,591 completed interviews.

The analysis of data was performed using SPSS as well as proprietary software developed by Responsive Management. Throughout this report, findings of the telephone survey are reported at a 95% confidence interval (or higher). For the entire sample of Indiana hunters whose license allowed deer hunting, the sampling error is at most plus or minus 1.03 percentage points. Sampling error was calculated based on a sample size of 8,591 and a population size of 154,303.

According to survey response, the majority of Indiana deer hunters (63%) are satisfied with deer management in the state (mostly *somewhat* satisfied rather than *very* satisfied) and the majority of Indiana deer hunters (65%) support the One Buck Rule, mostly *strong* support.

Harvest data indicates that we have accelerated our harvest of more mature male deer (older than 1.5 years old) since the “one buck rule” has been established and decreased the number of 1.5 year old males in our harvest (see graph below). Whether this trend is specifically due to the one buck rule is difficult to ascertain due to a number of factors (increased license price at the onset of the one buck rule, continuing evolving hunting regulations, aging hunters, changed expectations, etc). We really don’t know, and will never know, if we were successful at changing the age structure of males on the landscape, but we are certain that our male harvest has changed drastically since the inception of the one buck rule, and with our current set of regulations, have balanced our male:female harvest ratio for the first time since approximately 2006 and have maintained that course in subsequent years.

**Percentage of Yearling Deer in the Adult Harvest in Indiana  
(1994-2011)**



Additional changes are proposed to 312 IAC 9-3-2 to allow an electronic reporting system for checking in a deer that has been harvested. This will be a web-based system that will

allow an individual to check in a deer and receive a unique confirmation number. Deer hunters will still have the option of checking in a deer at a check station as they do now, or they will be able to check it in via the DNR's on-line reporting system. This electronic reporting system will be more convenient for many hunters and save gasoline expenses as well as provide law enforcement with immediate information about whether or not a deer has been checked in. The hunter will retain the permanent tag issued by the check station or the confirmation number received through the on-line reporting system until the deer is processed or gifted to another individual.

Change are proposed in 312 IAC 9-3-2(bb) to comply with state law in IC 35-47 governing handgun license requiriements. Changes were made to this state law in 2011 that no longer require an individual to have a handgun license of any type while hunting lawfully.

Changes are also proposed in 312 IAC 9-3-2(cc) to allow an individual who purchases a deer license bundle to also have the option of using it to take three antlerless deer. While the Division of Fish and Wildlife does not believe that this bundle will be purchased primarily for this purpose, it will allow an individual who did not take an antlered deer (or does not want to) to take a third anterless deer without having to purchase another deer hunting license that year.

The changes in 312 IAC 9-3-10 governing the commercial prcessing of deer are needed to require a deer processor to record the elctronic harvest confirmation number on the record instead of the official metal tag number that is given by a check station. Changes are also needed to require a deer processor to register prior to March 1 of each year. Currently, with no date in place, a deer processor can register with the Division of Fish and Wildlife anytime during a calendar year, even after processing deer, and as long as it has been done in that same calendar year, they would be in compliance with the law.

The changes in 312 IAC 9-4-11 governing wild turkey hunting are as follows:

- 1) Changes the fall wild turkey archery season to match the new deer archery season. It would start on October 1 and go through the first Sunday in January.
- 2) Allows another individual to call wild turkeys for another individual as long as that individual is properly licensed. The individual who calls for another hunter may already have harvested a turkey.
- 3) Removes the requirements for a handgun license to carry a handgun while turkey hunting to comply with state law in IC 35-47.
- 4) Allows for the checking in of a wild turkey through the DNR's on-line reporting system. This change will gave hunters the option of checking in a turkey at a check station and receive a metal tag as they do now, or report it on-line and receive a unique confirmation number. This electronic reporting system will be more convenient for many hunters, especially in certain counties where there are very few turkey check stations, as well as save gasoline expenses. This eletronic reporting system will also provide law enforcement with immediate information about whether or not a turkey has been checked in and save the department time and labor to enter the check station logs into a database.

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**TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**Proposed Rule**  
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**DIGEST**

Amends 312 IAC 9-3-2 which governs general requirements and licenses for hunting deer to remove the date for the taking of one antlered deer, add an electronic reporting system for checking in harvested deer, allows the possession of a handgun without a handgun license in accordance with IC 35-47, and allow three antlerless deer to be taken with the deer license bundle. Amends 312 IAC 9-3-10 governing commercial processing of deer to specify that an electronic harvest confirmation number may be recorded. Amends 312 IAC 9-4-11 to allow another individual to call for a turkey hunter if properly licensed, adds an electronic reporting system for checking in harvested turkeys, and allows the possession of a handgun without a handgun license in accordance with IC 35-47. Effective thirty days after filing with the Publisher.

**312 IAC 9-3-2**  
**312 IAC 9-3-10**  
**312 IAC 9-4-11**

**SECTION 1. 312 IAC 9-3-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

**312 IAC 9-3-2 General requirements and licenses for hunting deer**

Authority: IC 14-10-2-4; IC 14-22-2-6

Affected: IC 14-22; IC 35-47-2

Sec. 2. (a) This section and sections 3 through 10 of this rule govern the:

- (1) hunting;
  - (2) transportation; and
  - (3) disposal;
- of deer.

(b) Species of deer other than white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) are exempted from the following:

- (1) This section.
- (2) Sections 3 through 9 of this rule.

An individual who claims the exemption provided under this subsection must prove the deer is other than a white-tailed deer.

(c) The licenses identified in this section are nonexclusive. An individual may apply for one (1) or more of these licenses.

(d) Except as provided under IC 14-22-11-1 and IC 14-22-11-11, an individual must not hunt deer:

- (1) unless the individual possesses a completed and signed license authorized under this section bearing the individual's name; or
- (2) with a deer license issued to another individual.

(e) A youth hunter may take a deer during the youth deer season established in section 4(b) of this rule only if:

- (1) issued a license to hunt deer with:
  - (A) a resident youth consolidated hunting license under IC 14-22-11-10(b) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(24);
  - (B) a nonresident youth deer firearms license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(29);
  - (C) a nonresident youth deer muzzleloader license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(30);
  - (D) a nonresident youth deer archery license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(31);
  - (E) a nonresident youth extra deer crossbow license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(32);
  - (F) a nonresident youth extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(32);
  - (G) a lifetime comprehensive hunting license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(4);
  - (H) a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(5); or
  - (I) an apprentice license of the types identified in clauses (A) through (F) under IC 14-22-12-1.7; or
- (2) hunting deer without a license under IC 14-22-11-1 and 312 IAC 9-2-14.

(f) An individual may take a deer with a long bow, a recurve bow, or a compound bow during the archery season established in section 4(c) of this rule only if:

- (1) issued a license to hunt deer by bow and arrows with:
  - (A) a resident deer archery license under IC 14-22-11-10(a) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(14);
  - (B) a nonresident deer archery license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(17);
  - (C) a resident youth consolidated hunting license under IC 14-22-11-10(b) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(24);
  - (D) a nonresident youth deer archery license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(31);
  - (E) a resident extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(18);
  - (F) a nonresident extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(19);
  - (G) a nonresident youth extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(32);
  - (H) a lifetime comprehensive hunting license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(4);
  - (I) a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(5); or
  - (J) an apprentice license of the types identified in clauses (A) through (G) under IC 14-22-12-1.7; or
- (2) hunting without a license under IC 14-22-11-1 and 312 IAC 9-2-14.

(g) An individual may take a deer with a crossbow during the archery season established in section 4(c) of this rule only if:

- (1) issued a license to hunt deer with:
  - (A) a resident extra deer crossbow license under IC 14-22-11-10(a) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(14);
  - (B) a nonresident extra deer crossbow license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(17);
  - (C) a resident youth consolidated hunting license under IC 14-22-11-10(b) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(24);
  - (D) a nonresident youth extra deer crossbow license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(31);
  - (E) a resident extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(18);
  - (F) a nonresident extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(19);
  - (G) a nonresident youth extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(32);
  - (H) a lifetime comprehensive hunting license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(4);
  - (I) a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(5); or
  - (J) an apprentice license of the types identified in clauses (A) through (G) under IC 14-22-12-1.7; or
- (2) hunting without a license under IC 14-22-11-1 and 312 IAC 9-2-14.

(h) An individual may take a deer with a firearm during the firearms season established in section 4(e) of this rule only if:

- (1) issued a license to hunt deer by firearms with:
  - (A) a resident deer firearms license under IC 14-22-11-10(a) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(12);
  - (B) a nonresident deer firearms license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(15);
  - (C) a resident youth consolidated hunting license under IC 14-22-11-10(b) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(24);
  - (D) a nonresident youth deer firearms license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(29);
  - (E) a resident extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(18);
  - (F) a nonresident extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(19);
  - (G) a nonresident youth extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(32);
  - (H) a lifetime comprehensive hunting license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(4);
  - (I) a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(5); or
  - (J) an apprentice license of the types identified in clauses (A) through (G) under IC 14-22-12-1.7; or
- (2) hunting deer without a license under IC 14-22-11-1 and 312 IAC 9-2-14.

(i) An individual may take a deer with a muzzleloader during the muzzleloader season established in section 4(f) of this rule only if:

- (1) issued a license to hunt deer by a muzzleloader with:
  - (A) a resident deer muzzleloader license under IC 14-22-11-10(a) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(13);
  - (B) a nonresident deer muzzleloader license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(16);
  - (C) a resident youth consolidated hunting license under IC 14-22-11-10(b) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(24);
  - (D) a nonresident youth deer muzzleloader license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(30);
  - (E) a resident extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(18);
  - (F) a nonresident extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(19);
  - (G) a nonresident youth extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(32);
  - (H) a lifetime comprehensive hunting license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(4);
  - (I) a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(5); or
  - (J) an apprentice license of the types identified in clauses (A) through (G) under IC 14-22-12-1.7; or
- (2) hunting deer without a license under IC 14-22-11-1 and 312 IAC 9-2-14.

(j) An individual may take a deer during the urban deer season established in section 4(d) of this rule only if:

- (1) issued a license to hunt deer with:
  - (A) a resident extra urban deer zone license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(18);
  - (B) a nonresident extra urban deer zone license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(19);
  - (C) a resident youth consolidated hunting license under IC 14-22-11-10(b) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(24);
  - (D) a nonresident youth extra urban deer zone license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(32);
  - (E) an apprentice license of the types identified in clauses (A) through (G) under IC 14-22-12-1.7;
  - (F) a lifetime comprehensive hunting license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(4); or
  - (G) a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(5); or
- (2) hunting deer without a license under IC 14-22-11-1 and 312 IAC 9-2-14.

(k) An individual may take a deer during the special antlerless deer season established in section 4(h) of this rule only if:

- (1) issued a license to hunt deer with:
  - (A) a resident extra deer bonus antlerless license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(18);
  - (B) a nonresident extra deer bonus antlerless license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(19);
  - (C) a resident youth consolidated hunting license under IC 14-22-11-10(b) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(24);
  - (D) a nonresident youth extra deer bonus antlerless license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(32);
  - (E) a resident extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(18);
  - (F) a nonresident extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(19);
  - (G) a nonresident youth extra deer license bundle under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(32);
  - (H) an apprentice license of the types identified in clauses (A) through (G) under IC 14-22-12-1.7;
  - (I) a lifetime comprehensive hunting license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(4); or
  - (J) a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(5); or
- (2) hunting deer without a license under IC 14-22-11-1 and 312 IAC 9-2-14.

(l) An individual may take an antlerless deer in a designated county, by authority of an extra deer bonus antlerless license, only as authorized under section 4(g) and (4)(h) of this rule.

(m) An individual must, immediately upon taking a deer, record on a piece of paper the following:

- (1) The name and address of the individual who took the deer.
- (2) The license number (if applicable) of the individual who took the deer.
- (3) The sex of the deer.
- (4) The month and day the deer was taken.

The individual that takes the deer must retain possession of the completed piece of paper until the paper is attached to the deer. The piece of paper must be attached to the deer if the individual who takes the deer does not maintain direct physical control of and constant visual contact with the deer carcass.

(n) An individual who takes a deer must do one of the following:

(1) Cause delivery of the deer carcass to an official checking station for registration in the name of the individual who took the deer; **or**

**(2) Report the take by providing the information required by the department's electronic harvest reporting system;**

on the occurrence of the earlier of the following:

- ~~(1)~~ (A) Within forty-eight (48) hours of the taking of the deer.
- ~~(2)~~ (B) Before the deer is removed from this state.

The individual who delivers the deer carcass to an official checking station for registration **or reports the take on the department's electronic harvest reporting system** must provide true and accurate information ~~for the check station logs, including the name and license number of the individual who took the deer and the date the deer was taken~~ **that includes the information on the piece of paper described in subsection (m).**

(o) The head of a deer must remain attached to the carcass until the ~~tag is attached and locked at the deer~~ **is registered either at an official checking station or through the department's electronic harvest reporting system.**

(p) **When a deer is registered:**

**(1) At an official deer checking station,** ~~after the checking station operator must records record~~ the permanent seal number on the log ~~and collects,~~ **collect** the piece of paper described in

subsection ~~(k)~~ **(m)**, ~~the operator shall~~ and give the seal to the individual. The individual must immediately affix the seal:

- ~~(1)~~ **(A)** between a tendon and bone;
- ~~(2)~~ **(B)** through a section of skin or flesh; or
- ~~(3)~~ **(C)** around a branched antler;

to prevent its removal (without cutting the seal or the body part to which it is affixed). The seal must be maintained until processing of the deer begins.

**(2) Using the department's electronic harvest reporting system, the individual who took the deer must record the confirmation number on the piece of paper described in subsection (m). This confirmation number must be maintained with the deer until processing of the deer begins.**

(q) The checking station operator must do the following:

- (1) Accurately and legibly complete all forms provided by the department.
- (2) Make those forms available to department personnel upon request.

**(r) The permanent seal issued by the checking station or the department's electronic harvest confirmation number must be maintained with a deer that is gifted to another individual until processing of the deer begins.**

~~(s)~~ **(s)** An individual must not hunt deer except from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset.

~~(t)~~ **(t)** An individual must wear hunter orange:

- (1) in a season set forth in sections 4(b), 4(e), 4(f), and (4)(h) of this rule; and
- (2) in that portion of the archery season set forth in section 4(c) of this rule that overlaps a season set forth in section 4(e), 4(f), and (4)(h) of this rule; and
- (3) when firearms are authorized under section 8(b) of this rule.

~~(u)~~ **(u)** A ground blind that is:

(1) occupied must contain a minimum of one hundred forty-four (144) square inches of material on each side that is solid hunter orange and is visible from any direction during:

- (A) a season set forth in section 4(b), 4(e), 4(f), and 4(h) of this rule; and
- (B) that portion of the archery season set forth in section 4(c) of this rule that overlaps a season set forth in section 4(e), 4(f), and (4)(h) of this rule.

(2) left unoccupied on department property must visibly bear the name and address of the owner written in the English language in a conspicuous location on the outside of the blind near the entrance.

~~(v) Before September 1, 2012,~~ An individual must not take more than one (1) antlered deer during the **special youth, archery, firearm, or muzzleloader** seasons ~~for an annual deer license authorized in section 4 of this rule from the first day of the archery season of one calendar year through the last day of the archery season in the following calendar year.~~

~~(w)~~ **(w)** An individual must not hunt deer with the use or aid of:

- (1) bait, which includes:
  - (A) a food that is transported and placed for consumption, including, but not limited to, piles of corn and apples placed in the field;



(B) a prepared solid or liquid that is manufactured and intended for consumption by livestock or wild deer, including, but not limited to, commercial baits and food supplements;

(C) salt; or

(D) mineral supplements;

(2) snares;

(3) dogs; or

(4) other domesticated animals.

The use of manufactured scents and lures or similar chemical or natural attractants is not prohibited.

~~(w)~~ (x) An area is considered baited for ten (10) days after the removal of the bait and the baited soil. Hunting an area, such as an orchard, which may be attractive to deer as the result of normal agricultural activity, is not prohibited.

~~(x)~~(y) Notwithstanding subsection ~~(s)~~ (w), an individual may use dogs only while on a leash to track or trail wounded deer.

~~(y)~~ (z) Notwithstanding subsection ~~(s)~~ (w), an individual may use:

(1) donkeys;

(2) mules; and

(3) horses;

for transportation to and from a hunt but not while hunting.

~~(z)~~ (aa) An individual must not hunt white-tailed deer possessed under the authority of a game breeder license under 312 IAC 9-10-4.

~~(aa)~~ (bb) An individual may possess a handgun in accordance with IC 35-47 while hunting deer if the individual:

~~(1) has a valid unlimited license to carry a handgun issued under IC 35-47-2-3;~~

~~(2) has a valid unlimited license to carry a handgun recognized under IC 35-47-2-21(b); or~~

~~(3) is not required to possess a license to carry a handgun under IC 35-47-2-2.~~

~~(bb)~~ (cc) "Deer license bundle" means a multiple privilege deer license that allows an individual to take one (1) antlered deer and two (2) antlerless deer **or three (3) antlerless deer** in the:

(1) special youth;

(2) archery;

(3) firearms;

(4) muzzleloader; and

(5) special antlerless only

seasons combined in one (1) year in accordance with the provisions in this section and sections 3 and 4 of this rule. *(Natural Resources Commission; 312 IAC 9-3-2; filed May 12, 1997, 10:00 a.m.: 20 IR 2702; filed Dec 26, 2001, 2:40 p.m.: 25 IR 1528; readopted filed Jul 28, 2003, 12:00 p.m.: 27 IR 286; filed Sep 23, 2004, 3:00 p.m.: 28 IR 536; filed May 12, 2006, 10:38 a.m.: 29 IR 3344; filed Jun 23, 2006, 2:24 p.m.: 20060719-IR-312050214FRA; errata filed Jul 21, 2006, 1:56 p.m.: 20060802-IR-312050214ACA; filed Jul 10, 2007, 2:09 p.m.: 20070808-IR-312060572FRA; readopted filed Nov 24, 2008, 11:08 a.m.: 20081210-IR-312080672RFA; filed Nov 3, 2009, 3:34 p.m.: 20091202-IR-312090044FRA)*

## SECTION 2. 312 IAC 9-3-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

### 312 IAC 9-3-10 Commercial processing of deer

Authority: IC 14-22-2-6

Affected: IC 14-22

Sec. 10. (a) A person who receives deer for processing and charges a fee must maintain accurate daily records of the following:

- (1) The dates deer are received and disposed of.
- (2) The name and address of the owner of the deer.
- (3) The state or province from which the deer was taken.
- (4) The official tag and seal number ~~or~~, certificate of ownership **or game breeder license number, or the department's electronic harvest confirmation number.**

(b) These records shall be retained by the person or persons responsible for preparation or maintenance for at least eighteen (18) months following that preparation and must register with the department ~~annually~~ **by March 1 of each year.**

(c) A law enforcement officer may enter premises used for deer preparation at all reasonable hours to inspect those premises and the daily records required under subsection (a). (*Natural Resources Commission; 312 IAC 9-3-10; filed May 12, 1997, 10:00 a.m.: 20 IR 2706; readopted filed Jul 28, 2003, 12:00 p.m.: 27 IR 286; filed Sep 23, 2004, 3:00 p.m.: 28 IR 539; readopted filed Nov 24, 2008, 11:08 a.m.: 20081210-IR-312080672RFA*)

### **SECTION 3. 312 IAC 9-4-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

#### **312 IAC 9-4-11 Wild turkeys**

Authority: IC 14-10-2-4; IC 14-22-2-6

Affected: IC 14-22-11; IC 14-22-12; IC 35-47-2

Sec. 11. (a) Except as provided in subsection (c), an individual may hunt wild turkeys (*Meleagris gallopavo*) in the spring from the first Wednesday after April 20 and continuing for an additional eighteen (18) consecutive days.

(b) An individual may hunt wild turkeys (*Meleagris gallopavo*) during the fall as follows:

(1) With firearms as follows:

(A) From the first Wednesday after October 14 and continuing for an additional four (4) consecutive days in the following counties only:

- (i) Dekalb.
- (ii) LaGrange.
- (iii) LaPorte.
- (iv) Marshall.
- (v) St. Joseph.
- (vi) Starke.
- (vii) Steuben.

(B) From the first Wednesday after October 14 and continuing for an additional eleven (11) consecutive days in the following counties only:

- (i) Bartholomew.
- (ii) Brown.
- (iii) Clark.
- (iv) Clay
- (v) Crawford.
- (vi) Daviess.
- (vii) Dearborn.

- (viii) Dubois.
- (ix) Fayette.
- (x) Floyd.
- (xi) Fountain.
- (xii) Franklin.
- (xiii) Gibson.
- (xiv) Greene.
- (xv) Harrison.
- (xvi) Jackson.
- (xvii) Jefferson.
- (xviii) Jennings.
- (xix) Knox.
- (xx) Lawrence.
- (xxi) Martin.
- (xxii) Monroe.
- (xxiii) Morgan.
- (xxiv) Ohio.
- (xxv) Orange.
- (xxvi) Owen.
- (xxvii) Parke.
- (xxviii) Perry.
- (xxix) Pike.
- (xxx) Posey.
- (xxxi) Putnam.
- (xxxii) Ripley.
- (xxxiii) Scott.
- (xxxiv) Spencer.
- (xxxv) Sullivan.
- (xxxvi) Switzerland.
- (xxxvii) Union.
- (xxxviii) Vanderburgh.
- (xxxix) Vermillion.
- (xl) Vigo.
- (xli) Warren.
- (xlii) Warrick.
- (xliii) Washington.

(2) With a bow and arrows from:

- (A) October 1 ~~to the end of the fall turkey season with firearms as established in subsection (b)(1); and~~
- (B) ~~the first Saturday after the closing day of deer firearms season as established in 312 IAC 9-3-4(e)~~ through the first ~~Saturday~~ **Sunday** in January.

(c) The spring and fall seasons for hunting and possessing wild turkeys on Camp Atterbury shall be determined by the director on an annual basis to prevent interference with military training exercises.

(d) An individual may take one (1):

- (1) bearded or male wild turkey during the spring season; and
- (2) wild turkey of either sex during the fall season.

(e) An individual must not do the following:

- (1) Hunt wild turkeys except between one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise and sunset.
- (2) Take a wild turkey except with the use of ~~one (1)~~ **any** of the following:
  - (A) A shotgun or muzzleloading shotgun:
    - (i) not smaller than 20 gauge; and
    - (ii) not larger than 10 gauge;loaded only with shot of size 4, 5, 6, 7, or 7 1/2.
  - (B) A bow and arrows, including crossbows as defined in 312 IAC 9-3-4(g), with the following restrictions:
    - (i) An individual must not use a:
      - (AA) long bow; or
      - (BB) compound bow;of less than thirty-five (35) pounds pull.
    - (ii) Arrows must be equipped with metal or metal-edged (or flint, chert, or obsidian napped) broadheads.
    - (iii) An individual must not use a:
      - (AA) crossbow of less than one hundred twenty-five (125) pounds pull;
      - (BB) crossbow without a mechanical safety; or
      - (CC) poisoned or explosive arrow.
    - (iv) No portion of a bow's riser (handle) or:
      - (AA) track;
      - (BB) trough;
      - (CC) channel;
      - (DD) arrow rest; or
      - (EE) other device;that attaches to the bow's riser shall contact, support, or guide the arrow from a point rearward of the bow's brace height.
- (3) Hunt wild turkeys in the fall season that takes place during the deer muzzleloader season as established in 312 IAC 9-3-4(f) unless that individual wears hunter orange.
- (4) Call wild turkeys for another individual unless licensed in accordance with subsection (j) or (k). The individual who calls the wild turkey may have already harvested a wild turkey.**

(f) The special youth season for hunting wild turkeys under this subsection is two (2) consecutive days beginning on the Saturday immediately before the start of the spring turkey season established in subsection (a). As used in this subsection, "youth" means an individual who is less than eighteen (18) years of age on the date of the hunt. A youth who hunts a wild turkey under this section must be accompanied by an adult who is at least eighteen (18) years of age. An adult accompanying a youth hunter must not possess a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow while in the field. The seasonal limit for hunting wild turkeys under this subsection is one (1) bearded or male wild turkey. A youth hunter who takes a wild turkey under this subsection must not take another wild turkey during the spring turkey season in the same year.

- (g) An individual must not use or possess:
- (1) a dog;
  - (2) another domesticated animal;
  - (3) a live decoy;
  - (4) a recorded call;
  - (5) an electronically powered or controlled decoy; or
  - (6) bait;

while hunting a wild turkey. An area is considered baited for ten (10) days after the removal of the bait, but an area is not considered to be baited that is attractive to wild turkeys resulting from normal agricultural practices.

(h) An individual ~~must not~~ **may** possess a handgun while hunting wild turkeys ~~or while accompanying the youth hunter during the season established in subsection (f) unless the individual possesses a handgun in accordance with IC 35-47 and:~~

- ~~(1) has a valid unlimited license to carry a handgun issued under IC 35-47-2-3;~~
- ~~(2) has a valid unlimited license to carry a handgun recognized under IC 35-47-2-21(b);~~
- ~~or~~
- ~~(3) is not required to possess a license to carry a handgun under IC 35-47-2-2.~~

(i) Except as provided under IC 14-22-11-1 and IC 14-22-11-11, an individual must not hunt:

- (1) wild turkeys unless possessing a completed and signed license bearing the individual's name; or
- (2) with a wild turkey license issued to another individual.

(j) An individual may take a wild turkey during the spring season established under subsection (a) only if:

- (1) issued a license to hunt wild turkeys with:
  - (A) a resident youth consolidated hunting license under IC 14-22-11-10(b);
  - (B) a resident spring turkey license under IC 14-22-11-10(a) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(20);
  - (C) a nonresident spring turkey license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(21);
  - (D) a resident youth consolidated hunting license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(24);
  - (E) a nonresident youth spring turkey license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(27);
  - (F) a lifetime comprehensive hunting license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(4);
  - (G) a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(5); or
  - (H) an apprentice spring turkey hunting license under IC 14-22-12-1.7; or
- (2) hunting under IC 14-22-11-1.

(k) An individual may take a wild turkey during the fall season established under subsection (b) only if:

- (1) issued a license to hunt wild turkeys with:
  - (A) a resident youth consolidated hunting license under IC 14-22-11-10(b);
  - (B) a resident fall turkey license under IC 14-22-11-10(a) or IC 14-22-12-1(a)(22);
  - (C) a nonresident fall turkey license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(23);
  - (D) a resident youth consolidated hunting license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(24);
  - (E) a nonresident youth fall turkey license under IC 14-22-12-1(a)(28);
  - (F) a lifetime comprehensive hunting license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(4);
  - (G) a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under IC 14-22-12-7(a)(5); or
  - (H) an apprentice fall turkey hunting license under IC 14-22-12-1.7; or
- (2) hunting under IC 14-22-11-1.

(l) Immediately after taking a wild turkey, an individual must attach a piece of paper to a leg of the turkey directly above the spur stating the following:

- (1) The name and address of the individual who took the turkey.
- (2) The license number (if applicable) of the individual who took the turkey.

- (3) The date the wild turkey was taken.
- (4) The sex of the wild turkey taken.

(m) An individual who takes a wild turkey must do **one of** the following:

(1) Cause delivery of the wild turkey to an official turkey checking station within forty-eight (48) hours of taking- **as follows:**

~~(2)~~ (A) Register the wild turkey in the name of the individual who took the wild turkey.

~~(3)~~ (B) Provide the check station with true and accurate information, ~~including the name and license number of the individual who took the wild turkey and the date the wild turkey was taken~~ **that includes the information on the piece of paper described in subsection (l).**

~~(4)~~ (C) Receive the permanent seal after the checking station operator:

~~(A)~~ (i) records the permanent seal number on the log; and

~~(B)~~ (ii) collects the piece of paper described in subsection (l).

~~(5)~~ (D) Immediately and firmly affix the seal to the leg of the wild turkey as follows:

(A) On the leg of a wild turkey for a wild turkey taken during the spring season.

(B) Through a section of skin or flesh to prevent its removal (without cutting the seal or the body part to which it is affixed) for a wild turkey taken in the fall season.

The permanent seal must remain affixed until processing of the wild turkey begins.

**(2) Report the take by providing the information required on the department's electronic harvest reporting system within forty-eight (48) hours of taking. The individual who took the wild turkey must record the department's electronic harvest confirmation number on the piece of paper described in subsection (l). This confirmation number must be maintained with the turkey until processing of the turkey begins.**

**(n) The permanent seal issued by the checking station or the department's electronic harvest confirmation number must be maintained with a wild turkey that is gifted to another individual until processing of the wild turkey begins.**

~~(o)~~ (o) The official wild turkey checking station operator shall accurately and legibly complete all forms provided by the department and make those forms available to department personnel on request.

~~(p)~~ (p) The feathers and beard of a wild turkey must remain attached while the wild turkey is in transit from the site where taken.

~~(q)~~ (q) As used in this section, "bait" means to:

- (1) place;
- (2) expose;
- (3) deposit;
- (4) distribute; or
- (5) scatter;

grain, salt, or other feed to lure, attract, or entice a wild turkey to an area where a person may take the wild turkey. (*Natural Resources Commission; 312 IAC 9-4-11; filed May 12, 1997, 10:00*)

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